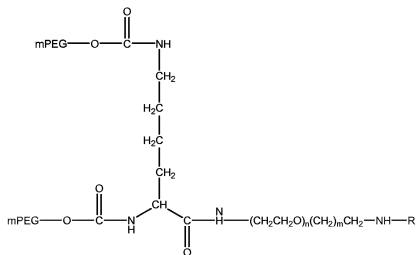
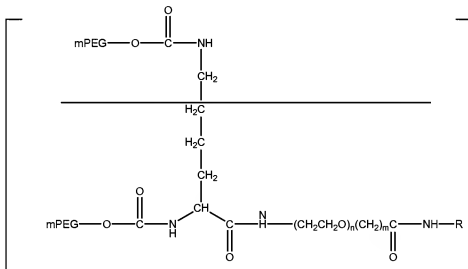


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

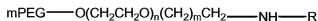
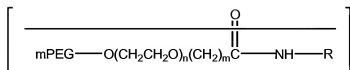
On page 15, replace paragraph [0042] with the following:

[0042] An embodiment of the present invention is a human growth hormone-PEG conjugate having the structure of Formula I or Formula II



Formula I

or



Formula II

wherein

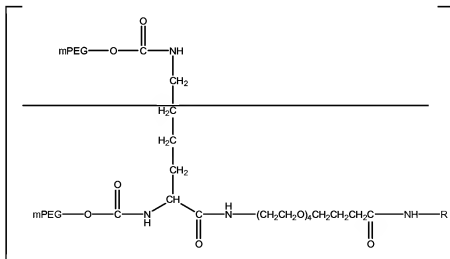
n is an integer between 1 and 10;

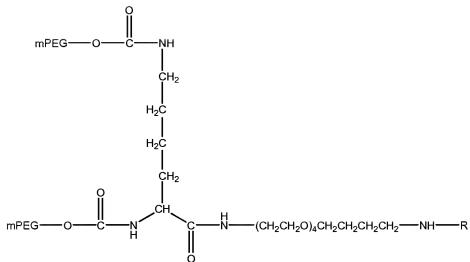
m is an integer between 1 and 10;

R is human growth hormone, methionyl growth hormone or a human growth hormone variant.

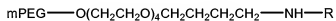
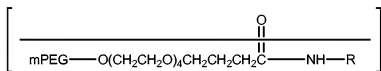
On page 16, replace paragraph [0043] with the following:

[0043] A Specific embodiment is a human growth hormone-PEG conjugate having the structure:





or



wherein R is human growth hormone, methionyl human growth hormone or a human growth hormone variant.